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The protocol covering Article 13 was discussed this morning. Cy Sulzberger came to lunch with me. Lincoln Gordon called on me and we had a long talk about British problems and other matters. At the conference this afternoon the Delegations decided to submit an agreed text to their Governments on Arti cle 13. It will be recommended by all Governments except the Italian and Dutch, to whom it will merely be presented by their Delegations.

The French Ministers were to leave tonight at nine o'clock for Washington, ' t their departure was postponed until 2:30 tomorrow morning because of the debate in the Assembly on a sudden motion by Mayer asking for an advance from the Bank of France of 80 billion francs to cover a forthcoming treasury emergency. Mayer had spoken to me about this yesterday in great confidence. Although it is an inflationary measure, it seemed the only possible thing to do under the circumstances.

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